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SUBJECT: STATE VISIT TO NIGERIA OF PAL LOSONCZI, PRESIDENT OF
PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL OF HUNGARY

SUMMARY: HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT OF PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL
PAL LOSONCZI PAID 4 DAY VISIT TO NIGERIA NOVEMBER 12-15.
CULTURAL AND TRADE AGREEMENTS SIGNED. END SUMMARY.

1 HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT OF PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL PAID
4-DAY VISIT TO NIGERIA, WHICH INCLUDED TRIP TO KANO
AND OFFICIAL TALKS BOTH BETWEEN LOSONCZI AND GOWON
AND BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF BOTH SIDES. HUNGARIAN
DELEGATION CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF OFFICIALS FROM
MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN TRADE AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES, AS
WELL AS FROM ORGANIZATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL
AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES.

2. AT END OF VISIT, LOSONCZI AND GOWON SIGNED JOINT
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COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH THEY, (A) AFFIRMED THEIR ADHERENCE

TO UN, (B) WELCOMED STEPS BEING TAKEN TO EFFECT LASTING, DURABLE AND JUST PEACE IN ME, ADDING THAT FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN AREA WAS WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND SECURE AND SAFE BORDERS BE ENSURED FOR ALL PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES IN REGION;

(C) NOTED WITH SATISFACTION RELAXATION OF TENSION ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE AS WELL AS EAST-WEST CONTACTS IN EUROPE; (D) EXPRESSED HOPE FOR EARLY END OF ARMS RACE; (E) CITED FINAL LIQUIDATION OF COLONIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM AS MOST PRESSING TASK IN WORLD; AND (F) WELCOMED PARIS AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM, DEMANDING THAT ALL PARTIES EXERT THEIR INFLUENCE TO ENSURE EARLY AND STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE AGREEMENTS.

3. HEADS OF STATE ALSO SIGNED CULTURAL AND TRADE ACCORDS AND AGREED THAT ACCORDS ON AIR SERVICES AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BE SIGNED AT LATER DATE BY THEIR PLENIPOTENTIARIES. THEY ALSO AGREED TO COOPERATE CLOSELY IN THESE AND OTHER FIELDS.

4. DURING BRIEF TRIP TO KANO, MILITARY GOVERNOR, POLICE COMMISSIONER AUDU BAKO, ANNOUNCED THAT HUNGARIAN CONSULTANT FIRM OF ENGINEERS HAD ASSISTED IN DISCOVERY OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF GLASS MINERALS IN KANO STATE AND THAT AS RESULT, ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN HUNGARIAN EXPERTS AND KANO STATE GOVERNMENT BEING COMPLETED TO ESTABLISH GLASS MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN STATE. HE ALSO NOTED THERE NUMBER OF HUNGARIAN EXPERTS, INCLUDING ENGINEERSAN ARCHITECTS AND DOCTORS, WORKING FOR HIS GOVERNMENT.

5. COMMENT: LOSONCZI VISIT WELL RECEIVED IN NIGERIA LALTHOUGH RECEPTION DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN AS OVERWHELMING AS IN CASE OF NIMEIRI AND BURNHAM STATE VISITS DESPITE FACT THIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT EVER MADE BY MEMBER EASTERN BLOC. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JOINT COMMUNIQUE NOTEWORTHY FOR ITS MILDNESS AND SIMILARITY TO PREVIOUS COMMUNIQUE. ALSO INTERESTING THAT COMMUNIQUE STRESSES COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND THERE NO MENTION OF "ASSISTANCE" TO NIGERIA. THUS COUNTRIES TREATED AS COEQUALS WITH NO INFERENCE OF ONE BEING SUPERIOR IN DEVELOPMENT TO OTHER. REFERENCE IN ME PORTION OF COMMUNIQUE TO ""SECURE AND SAFE BORDERS FOR ALL

PEOPLE AND COUNTRIES IN REGION" WOULD APPEAR TO BE ATTEMPT BY GOWON INDICATE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT ISRAEL DESPITE RECENT BREAK. IT SHOULD BE NOTED HOWEVER THAT THIS SUPPORT STILL CONDITIONED ON NEED FOR ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM ARAB TERRITORIES. THIS POINT WAS MADE QUITE CLEAR BY GOWON DURING STATE BANQUET WHERE, AFTER PRAISING HUNGARY'S ROLE ON WORLD SCENE, HE NOTED THAT ONE "AFRICAN" COUNTRY IN MIDEAST HAD BEEN "VICTIM OF PROLONGED AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION BY FORCE."

5. JUDGING FROM COMPOSITION HUNGARIAN DELEGATION, IT WOULD APPEAR THEY FULLY INTENDED USE OPPORTUNITY OF STATE VISIT TO ELICIT AGREEMENTS IN TRADE AND ECONOMIC FIELDS, FIRST OF WHICH SIGNED DURING VISIT. LOSONCZI VISIT THEREFORE WOULD SUGGEST FURTHER ATTEMPT BY EES TO INCREASE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ECONOMIC AND TRADE CONNECTIONS WITH NIGERIA. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN TO WHAT EXTENT THEY SUCCEED. REINHHA

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